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Transportation Officials Celebrate \$55 Million HOV Project <u>During Kickoff Ceremony in Mira Loma Ballpark</u>

Carpool and Mixed-flow lanes featured in this 7-mile project on State Route 60

Riverside – Transportation officials from The California Department of Transportation, (Caltrans), the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), and RTA will come together on Wednesday, April 12 to kick off a \$55 million High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) and mixed-flow lane project. The ceremony begins at 1 p.m. in Mira Loma's Big Leagues Dreams Sports Parks at 10550 Cantu-Galleano Ranch Road.

"We plan to hit this one out of the park," said Caltrans District 8 Director Mike Perovich, referring to the importance of this project in relation to existing HOV lanes on State Route 60. "Our goal is to deliver a big-league addition to our system by filling in a 7-mile gap of carpool lanes on Route 60 that serves as a critical connection for motorists coming from Los Angeles County into the Inland Empire."

Perovich said once completed in late 2007; this project will provide 28 miles of continuous HOV lanes from Brea Canyon Road in Diamond Bar, eastern Los Angeles County to Redlands Boulevard in Moreno Valley.

"This project will deliver more HOV lanes, more mixed-flow lanes, more soundwalls, more local bridges, and more overall connectivity in our system from Los Angeles to Moreno Valley and beyond," Perovich said.

Editor's note: This 7-mile project, which extends from the SR60/I-15 Interchange to Valley Way, should be completed by late 2007. Please call Thomas Knox at (909) 383-4631 to attend the ceremony and photo opportunity.



